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THE SAME

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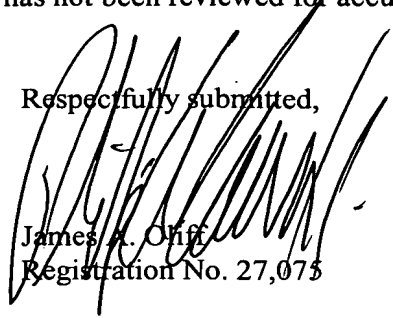
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 2 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The reference 1-4 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

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- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2 and 4 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2 and 4.

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